

2024 AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE REGISTRATIONS

(Data based on registration statistics submitted by financial members of ARCBA)

The composition of primary registrations by breed group in 2024 was as follows:

Breed Group	2024 Registrations	% of registrations
a. British breeds & Australian derivatives	96,333	61%
b. Tropical breeds	39,670	25%
c. European breeds & other derivatives	22,334	14.1%
d. Other breeds	31	<1%
Total	157,956	100%

Table 1: AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE REGISTRATIONS BY BREED GROUP 2015-2024

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc.

Breed Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
British Breeds										
No. of registrations	78,714	84,492	75,210	82,028	74,253	74,619	79,896	86,771	80,268	96,333
% of registrations	58.0	57.1	53.4	55.7	53.7	51.2	50.3	50.3	48.2	61
Tropical Breeds										
No. of registrations	28,107	31,843	32,902	31,603	27,382	32,692	35,272	38,772	36,253	39,458
% of registrations	20.7	21.5	23.4	21.5	19.7	22.4	22.3	22.5	21.8	25
European Breeds & Derivatives										
No. of registrations	19,980	20,945	20,030	20,333	17,567	19,650	19,415	22,082	21,529	22,334
% of registrations	14.7	14.2	14.2	14.1	13.0	13.5	12.3	12.8	12.9	14.1
Other Breeds										
No. of registrations	8,888	10,726	12,756	12,961	18,788	18,790	23,516	25,052	28,464	31
% of registrations	6.6	7.2	9.1	8.8	13.6	12.9	14.9	14.5	17.1	<1
Total	135,689	148,006	140,898	147,293	138,494	145,751	158,099	172,650	166,514	157,956

Table 2: 2024 AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE REGISTRATIONS BY BREED SOCIETY

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc.

	<u>Breed Society</u>	2024 Primary Regns	2024 Secondary Regns	2024 Total Regns	% of Regns
1	Angus Society of Australia	72,070	72,003	144,073	50.97
2	Australian Brahman Breeders Association	10,991	30,503	41,494	14.68
3	Herefords Australia	17,809	2,388	20,197	7.15
4	Santa Gertrudis Breeders (Aust.) Assoc.	8,101	11,112	19,213	6.80
5	Droughtmaster Stud Breeders Society Ltd	8,958	3,277	12,235	4.33
6	Charolais Society of Australia	10,554	551	11,105	3.93
7	Australian Brangus Cattle Association	6,222	3,044	9,266	3.28
8	Australian Simmental Breeder's Assoc. Ltd	5,322	353	5,675	2.01
9	Australian Limousin Breeders Society Ltd	4,688	163	4,851	1.72
10	Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society	3,252	63	3,315	1.17
11	Fleckvieh Society of Australia	1,578	826	2,404	0.85
12	Red Angus Society of Australia Inc.	1,945	135	2,080	0.74
13	Belmont Red Association of Aust.	2,004	1	2,005	0.71
14	Charbray Society of Australia	1,911	24	1,935	0.68
15	Australian Braford Society	1,271	208	1,479	0.52
16	Australian Highland Cattle Association	350		350	0.12
17	South Devon Breeders of Australia	217	39	256	0.09
18	Beef Shorthorn Society of Australia	245		245	0.09
19	Australian Galloway Association	241	3	244	0.09
20	Australian Senepol Cattle	212	2	214	0.08
21	Romagnola Breeders' Society	127		127	0.04
22	British White Cattle Society	110		110	0.04
=23	Australian Heritage Angus Association	63		63	0.02
=23	Lincoln Red Cattle Society	31		31	0.01
25	Mandalong Specials	31		31	0.01
26	Australian Bazadais Cattle Society Inc.	30		30	0.01
27	Chianina Society	25		25	0.01
28	Australian Salers Association	10		10	0.01
	Total for 28 breed societies	158,358	124,695	283,053	100.00%

Table 3: AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE PRIMARY REGISTRATIONS BY BREED SOCIETY 2009-2023

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc.

British Breeds & Australian Derivatives	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Angus	31,595	33,191	40,058	40,910	41,188	43,485	45,117	40,999	48,085	44,017	45,666	48,488	57,186	56,018	72,070
Hereford	24,906	24,417	23,828	23,561	21,210	19,731	22,533	19,762	19,704	16,778	17,067	18,317	17,294	17,400	17,809
Murray Grey	5,877	6,582	5,221	5,123	4,767	4,383	5,006	4,213	4,230	3,548	3,795	3,265	3,945	3,402	3,252
Red Angus	2,124	2,862	2,756	2,916	2,831	2,632	3,002	2,061	2,366	1,997	2,367	2,032	1,876	2,118	1,945
Highland		218	193	162	119	158	144	187	190	129	221	320	413	421	350
South Devon	544	597	701	513	439	515	495	501	428	216	208	548	394	287	217
Beef Shorthorn	394	274	319	627	284	306	276	245	284	240	344	271	301	269	245
British White	159	109	130	123	-51	44	90	69	41	187	178	246	145	156	110
Galloway	495	265	491	310	363	329	316	197	242	215	197	242	284	160	241
Lincoln Red	124	290	77	89	79	63	100	41	54	18	7	110	85	37	31
Aust. Heritage Angus												37	28	39	63
Australian Lowline	585	551	508	421	348	324	465	623	435	367	385	489	426		
Group Total	72,631	79,083	82,703	80,724	77,682	78,714	84,492	75,210	82,028	74,253	74,619	79,896	86,771	80,268	96,333
Tropical Breeds															
Brahman	10,805	9,402	9,806	9,650	8,120	9,707	10,945	12,152	10,068	10,026	12,512	11,918	12,698	10,609	10,991
Droughtmaster	10,421	9,505	8,553	9,453	8,131	7,176	7,663	8,708	8,778	6,951	6,225	7,015	9,072	8,791	8,958
Santa Gertrudis	6,691	6,731	5,729	6,424	5,807	5,515	5,486	5,591	6,382	5,194	7,037	8,161	7,950	6,567	8,101
Brangus	2,767	3,889	3,481	3,284	2,546	2,683	3,864	3,616	2,816	2,972	3,631	4,374	4,775	5,282	6,222
Charbray	1,541	1,623	1,826	1,709	1,052	1,219	1,678	936	879	699	1,046	957	1,383	2,027	1,911
Belmont Red	762	752	1,974	1,370	1,474	500	949	772	1,413	658	857	1,329	1,648	1,432	2,004
Braford	1,005	1,140	823	922	1,017	827	983	838	964	774	874	1,038	945	1,238	1,271
Senepol	473	429	471	353	146	462	275	289	303	108	510	280	265	307	212
Group Total	34,553	33,541	32,699	33,612	28,392	28,107	31,843	32,902	31,603	27,382	32,692	35,272	38,736	36,253	39,670

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European Breeds & Derivatives	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Charolais	10,668	8,302	10,735	9,523	8,071	7,852	8,275	7,639	7,963	7,755	7,834	7,762	8,685	8,440	10,554
Simmental	4,144	4,383	4,289	4,171	4,396	4,368	4,432	4,353	5,117	3,962	4,937	4,867	5,230	7,414	5,322
Limousin	6,559	5,733	7,436	6,540	5,907	5,786	5,586	6,170	6,070	4,670	5,284	4,848	6,389	4,061	4,688
Fleckvieh	na	na	na	139	348	396	628	262	368	504	445	865	778	1,274	1,578
Romagnola	474	415	273	281	335	119	378	168	140	204	223	129	251	217	127
Salers	91	67	104	112	50	43	38	48	46	39	57	34	17	72	10
Aust. Bazadais	116	163	196	224	86	138	177	156	85	57	73	126	16	49	30
Chianina	47	46	17	11	54	35	40	28	17	23	41	42	34	46	25
Maine Anjou	38	69	44	82	60	48	17	141	83	92	17	54	37	40	
Bazadaise Breeders	167	163	198	79	30	5	43	16	23	6	5	14	6	2	
Belgian Blue	41	3	26	26	8	0	13	13	9	1	1	14	0	3	
Gelbvieh	820	701	604	622	380	395	443	463	376	330	357	342	342		
Blonde d'Aquitaine	831	813	1,006	896	773	751	843	574	426	446	352	271	285	174	
Piedmontese	64	56	42	53	29	39	37	10	0	0	0	22	na		
Group Total	24,072	20,885	24,984	22,802	20,508	19,980	20,945	20,030	20,701	18,071	19,650	19,415	22,082	21,746	22,334
Other Breeds															
Wagyu	2,916	3,178	2,897	5,944	6,764	8,081	9,640	11,786	11,799	16,055	15,898	20,141	20,334	28,464	
Speckle Park	na	468	291	255	466	706	1,053	961	1,162	2,710	2,874				
Mandalong Specials	492	1,178	992	161	63	100	33	9	0	23	18	26	1	10	31
Group Total	3,428	4,832	4,180	6,389	7,298	8,888	10,726	12,756	12,961	18,788	18,790	20,167	20,335	28,474	31
Grand Total	134,684	138,341	144,566	143,527	133,880	135,689	148,006	140,898	147,293	138,494	145,751	154,750	167,924	166,524	

STATISTICS ON SECONDARY REGISTERS OF RECORDED CATTLE

In 1998 it was agreed that ARCBA publish “secondary registers” of animals involved in the seedstock industry.

The criteria for inclusion in the secondary registers are:

Secondary recording registers – include animals that are bred for seedstock production and recorded by a beef breed society but excluding animals entered in the Society’s herdbook.

Seedstock production – means the production of bulls for use in the registered and commercial cattle sectors.

These include formal registers such as the Angus Performance Register in which Angus cattle are recorded in this nominated register, are able to be recorded in GROUP BREEDPLAN and have pedigree certificates issued. There are other less formal registers which include the progeny of registered parents which can be performance recorded and contribute to seedstock production. In compiling these statistics:

- i) steer numbers have been excluded, and
- ii) cows of one breed that are used in an upgrading program for another breed (eg Hereford base cows used in a Simmental upgrading program) have been excluded.

Table 4 shows the number of cattle included in secondary registers over the last fourteen years. The number of cattle in these registers are substantial and have been increasing marginally over time ie from 58,072 in 1996 to 66,234 in 2002 (a 14% increase) but fell back to 62,110 in 2003 due, in part, to the drought influence. The rise in 2004 was largely due to the activity of Wagyu in getting secondary register animals on file for BREEDPLAN evaluation. The 85,234 secondary registrations in 2022 is an increase on the previous year of 18,872.

In Table 5, the number of cattle in primary registers (ie Herdbook cattle) and the number in secondary registers have been combined to help in following trends by breed groups.

Table 4: CATTLE RECORDED IN SECONDARY REGISTERS 2010-2024

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
British Breeds & Aust Derivatives															
Angus	13,719	18,532	21,409	22,188	22,780	22,211	24,959	21,409	24,713	22,251	21,308	21,272	37,050	35,517	72,003
Hereford	3,275	3,139	2,874	3,759	3,145	3,618	2,724	4,870	3,442	2,910	3,575	1,177	2,008	2,896	2,388
Red Angus	270	353	367	789	417	435	245	181	286	272	409	223	280	415	135
Murray Grey	331	1,400	410	51	140	88	116	90	37	32	190	55	104	239	63
South Devon	358	167	273	384	137	78	148	123	51	74	8	31	21	83	39
Highland														27	
British White														12	
Galloway														2	
Beef Shorthorn														1	
Group Total	20,744	23,746	26,174	27,639	27,025	26,907	28,721	27,256	29,364	25,920	25,922	23,040	39,828	39,192	74,631
Tropical Breeds															
Brahman	10,781	11,623	10,917	11,634	12,183	16,970	13,504	13,975	15,350	17,258	17,930	21,169	21,202	29,423	30,503
Santa Gertrudis	10,103	10,244	12,576	12,811	12,482	9,505	11,937	10,009	11,517	10,947	9,784	8,923	10,346	9,639	11,112
Droughtmaster	5,772	5,158	4,053	4,332	3,825	4,857	3,723	3,303	3,189	3,031	1,970	1,676	3,652	2,984	3,277
Brangus	1,216	1,484	1,341	1,938	2,839	1,936	2,811	1,884	1,761	1,225	1,467	2,286	2,621	2,247	3,044
Braford	253	375	288	245	191	232	245	186	138	137	100	80	98	224	208
Belmont Red	312	261	171	297	242	129	0	2	0	0	0	11	0		1
Senepol														16	2
Group Total	28,437	29,145	29,346	31,257	31,762	33,629	32,220	29,359	31,955	32,598	32,598	34,145	37,919	44,533	48,171
European Breeds															
Charolais	927	712	760	585	355	387	846	728	633	644	628	510	614	368	551
Limousin	1,082	1,132	1,351	1,125	952	839	712	1,154	460	725	493	331	297	141	163
Simmental	1,107	1,335	888	1,690	1,019	1,201	609	345	378	531	251	452	282	53	353
Fleckvieh															826
Salers	55	6	10	125	80	153	106	79	40	171	125	104	91	105	
Gelbvieh	284	162	53	157	122	101	35	122	23	182	63	8	8		
Blonde d'Aquitaine	90	132	113	147	42	51	34	56	28	30	28	13	18	77	
Romagnola	0	0	0	0	128	25	69	154	0	6	0	2	4		
Australian Bazadais														29	
Group Total	3,545	3,479	3,175	3,829	2,571	2,732	2,411	2,638	1,562	2,311	1,588	1,452	1,315	747	1,893
Other Breeds															
Wagyu	1,625	1,596	2,405	713	771	382	621	1,257	717	796	1,950	6,567	4,238	5,567	
Speckle Park										291					
Group Total	1,625	1,596	2,405	713	771	382	621	1,257	717	1,087	1,950	6,567	4,238	5,567	
Grand Total	54,351	57,966	61,100	63,438	62,129	63,650	63,973	60,510	63,770	61,916	62,058	65,204	83,300	90,039	124,693